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SUBJECT: PERSONAL EFFECTS OF MR. AND MRS. VINCENT J. RIKER

CONGRESSMAN TENNYSON GUYER, SUBCOMMITTEE ON ASIAN AND
PACIFIC AFFAIRS, HAS REQUESTED THAT TEXT OF FOLLOWING
LETTER BE DELIVERED TO VICENTE ABAD SANTOS, SECRETARY OF
JUSTICE. CONGRESSMAN GUYER FEARS ORIGINAL, SENT VIA
INTERNATIONAL MAIL, MAY BE LOST IN TRANSIT:

QUOTE DEAR MR. SECRETARY: A FEW MONTHS AGO MY WIFE AND
I HAD THE PLEASURE OF ATTENDING A LUNCHEON AT THE
MALACANANG PALACE, WHEN THE DELEGATION HEADED BY LESTER
WOLFF WAS IN MANILA. AT THAT TIME I WAS IMPRESSED WITH
THE WARMTH AND HOSPITALITY NOT ONLY OF PRESIDENT AND
MRS. MARCOS, BUT ALSO OF THE PHILIPPINE PEOPLE IN
GENERAL. MY WIFE WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO SIT WITH YOU AT
THE LUNCHEON AND ENJOYED MAKING YOUR ACQUAINTANCE. IT
WAS A MEMORABLE AND PRODUCTIVE VISIT FOR US.

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QUOTE SINCE RETURNING I HAVE LEARNED OF A SITUATION WHICH
HAS RISEN IN MANILA INVOLVING A CONSTITUENT OF MINE, MR.
AND MRS. VINCENT J. RIKER. APPARENTLY THEY HAVE
ENCOUNTERED CERTAIN DIFFICULTIES REGARDING A CONTRACT FOR
EMPLOYMENT WITH THE MAYON IMPERIAL HOTEL IN MANILA. AS
A RESULT OF THESE DIFFICULTIES, WHICH WERE NOT
PRECIPITATED, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, BY THE RIKERS,

THEY HAVE BEEN FORCED TO DEPART THE PHILIPPINES AND FACE
CONSIDERABLE REMOVAL EXPENSE TO REDEEM THEIR PERSONAL
EFFECTS.

QUOTE WHILE I SHALL NOT TAKE YOUR TIME BY GOING TOO FAR
INTO THE FACTS OF THE CASE, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOUR
PERSONAL ASSISTANCE. IT HAS BEEN IN NEGOTIATION AND
ARBITRATION FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. IN THE INTEREST OF
FRIENDSHIP AND COMITY, I WOULD HOPE THAT IT WOULD BE
POSSIBLE FOR THE RIKERS TO OBTAIN SOME SATISFACTION.
ANYTHING YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH TO THIS END, ON
AN INFORMAL BASIS, WOULD BE HIGHLY APPRECIATED.

QUOTE IT WAS GOOD TO VISIT YOUR COUNTRY, AND I KNOW THAT
YOU WILL APPRECIATE MY CONCERN IN THIS INSTANCE TO PRE-
SERVE AS GOOD A FEELING AS POSSIBLE BETWEEN YOUR COUNTRY
AND MINE. SINCERELY, TENNYSON GUYER, SUBCOMMITTEE ON
ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS END QUOTE.

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